

AGENDA: May 13, 2003

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CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Public Works

TITLE: Neighborhood Traffic Circle Installation,
Project 03-15—Approve Plans and
Specifications

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Council Transportation Committee recommendation to approve plans and specifications for Neighborhood Traffic Circle Installation, Project 03-15, at the Bonita Avenue/Barbara Avenue intersection and authorize staff to advertise the project for bids.

FISCAL IMPACT

Neighborhood Traffic Circle Installation was funded as part of the 2002-03 Annual Traffic Studies/NTMP Improvements, Project 03-15, in the amount of \$100,000, of which \$65,000 is remaining. The cost for the permanent traffic circle is estimated at \$55,000.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

In 1996, the City Council approved a Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) to address traffic problems on local residential streets. Although neighborhood residents are concerned with traffic volumes and excess through traffic, their primary concern is speeding and its associated hazards.

Over the past few years, the City installed permanent traffic circles at several intersections (on Farley Street and View Street). Traffic circles create an impression of a narrow roadway corridor, causing drivers to reduce speed. Residents favor traffic circles because they do not restrict access, include landscaping to enhance aesthetics and do not generate noise.

In accordance with the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program, the City Council authorized the installation of demonstration traffic circle at the intersection of Barbara Avenue and Bonita Avenue on May 29, 2001. After the demonstration period, with data showing reductions in traffic speed and favorable comments from the residents, the Council Transportation Committee (CTC) recommended that the City Council approve constructing a permanent traffic circle at the Bonita Avenue/Barbara Avenue intersection.

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The total project cost is estimated to be as follows:

Construction	\$45,000
Engineering and Design	\$ 4,000
Inspection	\$ <u>2,500</u>
Subtotal	\$51,500
City Administration @ 6.5%	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$55,000</u>

Plans and specifications are on file in the Public Works Department. In accordance with the requirements of CEQA, this project has been determined to be categorically exempt and is a Class 1 categorical exemption in that the project consists of maintenance of minor street alterations and does not expand the use beyond that previously existing.

PUBLIC NOTICING—Agenda posting.

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